Beaver Clue Hunt

Find facts using headings, bold words, and word help.

3.LF.23 "Identify and use text features in informational passages to locate information. a. Explain how text features support details in the text. b. Explain how illustrations contribute to meaning in a story. c..."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the bold heading at the start of each paragraph. Underline one fact in each paragraph that fits its heading.

Beavers at Work

1. **Busy at Dusk** Beavers often work when the sun is going down. Their large front teeth keep growing, so they gnaw on trees and other plants. A beaver can carry a branch in its mouth as it swims. Its wide, flat tail helps it steer through the water. On land, the same beaver may drag a branch toward a stream.

2. **A Pond Takes Shape** Beavers pile sticks and mud across a stream to build a **dam**. The dam slows the water, and a pond forms behind it. In deep water, beavers can swim to safety when a fox or other land hunter comes near. The new pond can also become a home for fish, frogs, and insects.

3. **A Home with a Hidden Door** Beavers may build a **lodge** from branches and mud in the pond. Its entrance is underwater, but the living space inside stays above the water. This helps keep land hunters out. Inside, beavers can rest and care for their young. The underwater entrance is hard for many land animals to reach. *Word Help: lodge* means a beaver's home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which heading would you use to find how a pond forms? What detail under it answers your question?

2. How does the heading A Home with a Hidden Door fit the details below it?

3. Which text feature tells you what lodge means? What does it mean?

4. The words dam and lodge are bold. What does each one do?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a new section heading about how beavers use their teeth. Write two sentences using facts from the passage, then write one sentence explaining how your heading helps a reader find those facts.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the bold heading at the start of each paragraph. Underline one fact in each paragraph that fits its heading. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which heading would you use to find how a pond forms? What detail under it answers your question?	**A Pond Takes Shape. A dam slows the stream water, and a pond forms behind it.**
2	How does the heading A Home with a Hidden Door fit the details below it?	**The details tell about a beaver's home and its underwater entrance.**
3	Which text feature tells you what lodge means? What does it mean?	**The italic Word Help tells the meaning. A lodge is a beaver's home.**
4	The words dam and lodge are bold. What does each one do?	**A dam slows water to form a pond. A lodge gives beavers a place to rest and care for their young.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Teeth That Keep Growing
A beaver's front teeth keep growing. It gnaws on trees and other plants. My heading helps readers find facts about a beaver's teeth.

For the marking job, accept any accurate detail that fits each paragraph's heading. For Your Turn, accept a new heading about teeth, two accurate sentences from the passage, and one sentence explaining how the heading helps a reader.